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SUBJ LEGISLATION AGAINST ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

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1. APRIL 5 TORONTO STAR ARTICLE ON ARAB BOYCOTT OF "ALLEGED PRO-ZIONIST FIRMS" IN CANADA CONCLUDED THAT BLACKLIST HAS HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON 150 CANADIAN FIRMS INVOLVED BUT THAT SOME CANADIAN JEWISH LEADERS WERE URGING GOC ENACT ANTI-DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION ALONG LINES RECENTLY PROPOSED BY LIBERAL MP ROBERT KAPLAN (PARA. TWO REFTEL B).

2. ARTICLE QUOTES PHIL GHATTAS, INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE OFFICIAL, AS SAYING THAT NO CANADIAN COMPANY HAS COMPLAINED THAT IT LOST TRADE BECAUSE OF BOYCOTT AND SOME CANADIAN COMPANIES CARRY ON NORMAL TRADE WITH BOTH ISRAEL AND ARAB COUNTRIES AND HAVE NOT BEEN BLACKLISTED.

3. EPHRAIM RAVIV, ISRAEL'S TRADE COMMISSIONER IN TORONTO, WAS QUOTED AS STATING THAT BOYCOTT LIST WILL BE "PSYCHOLOGICAL DETERRENT TO A NUMBER OF COMPANIES" BUT THAT, DESPITE BOYCOTT, CANADA-ISRAEL TRADE HAS BEEN INCREASING.

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4. EMBOFF ASKED O.H. TIMMINS, DIRECTOR, CONTRACTS AND COMMODITIES DIVISION, CIDA, HOW ARAB BOYCOTT COULD AFFECT CANADIAN AID PROGRAMS. TIMMINS STATED THAT NO SPECIFIC CASE HAS ARISEN WHERE CANADIAN COMPANY WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE GOODS AND SERVICES UNDER CIDA CONTRACTS BECAUSE OF ARAB BOYCOTT; HOWEVER, IF SUCH CASE AROSE, CIDA WOULD HANDLE IT WITH EXISTING REGULATIONS.

5. TIMMINS EXPLAINED THAT MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GOC AND AID RECIPIENT COUNTRIES PROVIDE FOR "REOPENING OF CONSULTATIONS" IF ONE PARTY TAKES UNILATERAL ACTION NOT COVERED IN BASIC UNDERSTANDING. THUS, IF CIDA ACCEPTED BID FROM CANADIAN COMPANY TO PROVIDE GOODS OR SERVICES AND RECIPIENT COUNTRY REFUSED ACCEPT DUE TO ARAB BOYCOTT, CIDA WOULD CONSIDER THIS UNILATERAL ACTION AS BASIS FOR NEW CONSULTATIONS. AS PRACTICAL MATTER, TIMMINS SAID, CIDA WOULD PROBABLY WITHDRAW FUNDS FOR PROJECT INVOLVING CANADIAN FIRM'S GOODS OR SERVICES OR NOT SUPPLY WHATEVER ASSISTANCE INVOLVED IN THAT INSTANCE.

6. CANADIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, AS FAR AS TIMMINS COULD REMEMBER, ONLY AFFECTED ONCE BY RECIPIENT COUNTRIES' REFUSAL ACCEPT CERTAIN COMPANIES FOR POLITICAL REASONS, AND COMPANIES WERE NOT CANADIAN. IN SENDING GRAINS TO BANGLADESH AND PAKISTAN, CIDA REQUIRED SHIPPING COMPANIES ATTEST TO FACT THAT THEY WERE ACCEPTABLE TO WHICHEVER COUNTRY RECEIVED SHIPMENTS. SINCE SHIPPING COMPANIES WERE NOT CANADIAN, NO PARALLEL COULD BE DRAWN BETWEEN THAT SITUATION AND ARAB POSSIBLE BOYCOTT OF CANADIAN COMPANIES.
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